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Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) For use in a communication-restricted environment that blocks public access to an information content that would otherwise be available except for being within the communication-restricted environment, a method of providing to an individual access to the information content, the method comprising:

at a transit terminal that includes one of an airport, a spaceport, a boat dock, a train station, and a bus stop, providing access over an information network to a repository hosting the information content via a publicly accessible access point apparatus;

~~at the transit terminal, enabling causing, via the access point apparatus, to transfer of~~ the information content over the network from the repository to a mobile storage medium; and

providing use of the information content from the storage medium to the individual in the communication-restricted environment.

2-3 Canceled

4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein
~~the information network comprises~~ includes the Internet.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein
~~transferring the transfer of~~ the information content includes transferring the information content over a wireless communication channel.

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6. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein
the storage medium includes an optical storage medium.

7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further including
providing the storage medium to the individual at the transit terminal.

8. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further including:
identifying the individual;
upon identification, enabling the individual to select the information content
from a plurality of information contents; and,
~~downloading the selected information content onto the mobile storage
medium.~~

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further including:
enabling the individual to enter identification information; and
selecting the information content based on the identification information; and,
~~downloading the information content.~~

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein
the information content is selected based on a profile of the individual.

11. (Previously presented) A method of Claim 1, further including:
charging a fee for transferring the information content.

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12. (Previously presented) For use in a communication-restricted environment that blocks public-access to an information content that would otherwise be available except for being within the communication-restricted environment, a method of providing to an individual access to an information content, the method comprising:

at a transit terminal that includes one of an airport, a spaceport, a boat dock, a train station, and a bus stop, providing access over an information network to a repository hosting the information content;

at the transit terminal, enabling to transfer the information content over the network between the repository and a mobile storage medium;

assigning a traveling location to the individual in a means of transportation, the means of transportation including the mobile storage medium; and,

providing, at the assigned traveling location, access to the information content in the communication-restricted environment.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein

the information content is determined from a plurality of information contents on the basis of a profile of the individual.

14-18 (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A method of providing information content to passengers a passenger of an aircraft, comprising:

determining the information content that is of interest to the passenger, before the aircraft departs a terminal,

transferring the information content from an information network to a storage medium, and

providing the information content from the storage medium to the passenger while the aircraft is in flight.

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20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein determining the information content is based on a predefined profile that is associated with the passenger.
21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein transferring the information content occurs automatically, without intervention of the passenger.
22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the aircraft is equipped with the storage medium.
23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further including providing the information content includes allowing the passenger to access the information content via a computer network aboard the aircraft.
24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the computer network is configured to: receive information from the passenger while the aircraft is in flight, and communicate this information to a wide-area network.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further including providing a viewing device to the passenger, to view the information content.
26. (New) The method of claim 19, including: assigning a seat to the individual in the aircraft, and, providing access to the information content at the assigned seat.
27. (New) The method of claim 12, further including: charging a fee for transferring the information content.